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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE: WORKING GROUP III
ON REMOTE SENSING - MARCH 24, 1977

1. WORKING GROUP III MET IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS
MARCH 24; THERE WAS NO LSC GENERAL DEBATE.

2. MONGOLIA BEGAN THE PROCEEDINGS BY REINTRODUCING ITS
WORKING PAPER FROM LAST YEAR (ANNEX IV TO 1976 LSC REPORT)
ON THE PRINCIPLE OF FULL AND PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER
NATURAL RESOURCES AND OVER INFORMATION CONCERNING THOSE
RESOURCES. THE WG SPENT THE BETTER PART OF THE DAY INCON-
CLUSIVELY DEBATING THE EXISTENCE AND APPLICABILITY OF SUCH
A "PRINCIPLE" IN THE FIELD OF REMOTE SENSING. PREDICTABLY,
THE USSR, EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES AND THE LDC'S SUPPORTED
THE CONCEPT. THE U.S. WAS JOINED BY THE UK, FRG, ITALY AND
JAPAN IN STRONG OPPOSITION. IN AN EFFORT TO FIND COMMON
GROUND, THE CHAIRMAN CIRCULATED A PROPOSED REVISION OF THE
WORKING PAPER (WG.III(1977)/WP.4) (POUCHED L/UNA - STOWE).
THE SOVIETS USED THIS REVISION IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOR
TO BOOTSTRAP THE WORKING PAPER INTO A DRAFT PRINCIPLE,
COUPLED WITH THE FAMILIAR ASSAULT ON THE TWO-STEP COMMON
ELEMENT/DRAFT PRINCIPLE PROCEDURE. THEY SUCCEEDED ONLY
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IN LOOKING FOOLISH.

3. THE CANADIAN REVIEW CLAUSE PROPOSAL INTRODUCED YES-
TERDAY (USUN 883) MET STRONG OPPOSITION FROM THE USSR,
ARGENTINA AND MEXICO. OTHERS, INCLUDING THE U.S., UK,
ITALY AND AUSTRIA EXPRESSED NO OBJECTION, BUT LACKING A
CONSENSUS, THE WG DECIDED NOT TO INCLUDE THIS TOPIC AS

EITHER COMMON ELEMENT OR PRINCIPLE.

4. SWEDEN PROPOSED, AND THE WG ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMMENT, INSERTION OF THE FOLLOWING FOOTNOTE TO DRAFT PRINCIPLE VIII: QUOTE: SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMULATION OF A PRINCIPLE ON DISSEMINATION OF DATA AND INFORMATION AND SUBJECT TO LATER DISCUSSION OF THE TERMS INFORMATION AND DATA. END QUOTE.
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